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1. INDOCHINA

AT MOSCOW CELEBRATION MARKING WW II END, BREZHNEV SAYS INDOCHINA WAR FINISH CREATES CONDITIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH US (AP, NYDN); HAILS COMMUNIST VICTORY IN SVN, BUT CAREFULLY AVOIDS CRITICISM US BY NAME (PARKS, SUN; NYT; OSNOS, WP). COALITION OF ANTIWAR GROUPS PLANS GATHER IN NY'S CENTRAL PARK SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE WAR'S END (NYT).

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FORMER SVN FONMIN AT GUAM SAYS HUMPHREY ASSURED GVN LEADERS IN 1972 THEY COULD COUNT ON US MIL SUPPORT IF NVN ATTACKED. IN WASHINGTON, SENATOR'S AIDE HAS NO COMMENT (AP, WP).

SENATE VOTES RESOLUTION WELCOMING VIET, KHMER REFUGEES TO US (CHITRIB); PASSES BILL PERMITTING PRES USE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED MIL AID FUNDS FOR RESETTLEMENT; HATFIELD SAYS UP TO 147 MILLION DOLS AVAILABLE (NYDN). PRES' AID REQUEST CUT TO 405 MILLION DOLS BY HOUSE FOREIGN OPNS APPROPRIATIONS SUBC (AP, PHINQ) WHOSE MEMBERS

STRESS NOT REBUFFING ADMIN, BUT ADJUSTING FIGURE TO REFLECT LATEST ESTIMATE OF REFUGEE NUMBERS (PEPPER, SUN). DURING SESSION, PASSMAN CONCEDED LACK OF FIRM GRASP ON WHETHER FUNDS BEING VOTED WERE ENOUGH, TOO MUCH, OR TOO LITTLE (MEYER, WP).

AMB BROWN DELIGHTED BY HOUSE APPR SUBC FIGURE, BECAUSE WAS "SOLID ENDORSEMENT" OF PRES' REQUEST. BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE SEEMED RESPONDING AS BEST THEY COULD TO PRES' APPEALS FOR REFUGEE FUNDS (BINDER, NYT). CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CALLS ON ADMIN TO TIE AID FOR VIET REFUGEES TO AID FOR POOR, JOBLESS ALREADY SUFFERING IN NATION (NYT).

CONGRESS, US JUMPING TO AID VIET REFUGEES (HEY, CSM). MANY US FIRMS ASSIST VIET EMPLOYEES (SCHERER, CSM). MOST CONGRESSIONAL MAIL HOSTILE ON VIET RESETTLEMENT ISSUE (CHARLTON, NYT). SAN DIEGO COUNTY NERVOUS OVER COST AS FIRST VIET REFUGEES ASK WELFARE (UPI, CHITRIB). CONN GOV SAYS WON'T EXTEND OFFICIAL WELCOME TO VIET REFUGEES BECAUSE STATE HAS OWN PROBLEMS (UPI, WP). YMCA ASSISTS REFUGEES IN TRANSITION TO LIFE IN US (MONEYBUN, CSM). VIET REFUGEES BLENDING IN, MOLD TRADITIONS TO US LIFESTYLE (UPI, CHITRIB). SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY INFO ON WHERE TO CALL TO SPONSOR REFUGEES, AND HUMAN INTEREST STORIES ON REFUGEES WHO SETTLING IN. NYT'S KNEELAND REPORTS INS REINVESTIGATES MANY VIET ORPHANS RUSHED TO US TO TRY DETERMINE WHETHER REALLY ORPHANS AND ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION. UNCLASSIFIED

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MOST FOREIGN REFUGEES LEAVE CAMBODIA, ENTER THAILAND (ANDELMAN, NYT). NEWLY-ARRIVED GROUP FROM FRENCH EMBASSY REFUGEE INCLUDES 4 AMCITS (AP, NYT). SOME WESTERNERS, INCLUDING 2 AMCITS, STILL IN CAMBODIA (WP). FRENCH MD EVACUATED FROM PP SAYS LONG BORET, SIRIK MATAK SHOT AFTER REBEL TAKEOVER, AND HE SAW 300 BODIES WITH THROATS CUT IN CENTRAL MARKET (REUTER, WP). AMCIT REFUGEE TELLS OF COMIC SCENES AS KHMER ROUGE SIEZED PP, INCLUDING INSTANCE WHEN MOTORCYCLE SHOT AFTER WOULDN'T START (AP, NYDN). IRATE INSURGENTS BEAT TASS CORRESPONDENT FOR HAVING WRITTEN FAVORABLY ABOUT NATIONALIST ADVENTURER WHO ENTERED PP BEFORE MAIN REBEL BODY (WP).

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AFP CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBES GKR SURRENDER LED BY LON NON (WP), FORTNIGHT OF UNCERTAINTY IN FRENCH EMBASSY REFUGE (WP) WITH STERN "BUT NOT OBNOXIOUS" KHMER ROUGE ON GUARD (PHINQ). SWEDISH CORRESPONDENT LINDQUIST DESCRIBES HOW JUBILANT WELCOME FOR KHMER

ROUGE IN PP TURNED TO TERROR AND FORCED EVACUATION (NYDN). NYDN CENTER-SPREAD HAS AP, UPI PHOTOS OF LAST FREE MOMENTS IN PP, ENTRY OF REBELS, AND EVACUEES AT THAI BORDER. NYT'S SCHANBERG DESCRIBES LIFE OF GRIEF, ANIMOSITY IN FRENCH EMBASSY HAVEN; TELLS OF BRIEF BRUSH WITH ARREST, DEATH WHEN PICKED UP BY REBELS AT TIME OF TAKEOVER.

PP EMPTIED AS REBELS FORCE POPULATION BACK TO LAND IN MOVE TO "PURIFY" NATION, "CLEANSE" PEOPLE IN PECULIAR SORT OF REVOLUTION (AFP WP, PHINQ) THAT MAY BE AIMED AT SOLVING FOOD PROBLEM (AFP, NYT). SCHANBERG RECOUNTS UPHEAVAL AS REBELS PUSHED PEOPLE OUT OF PP, INCLUDING OLD AND SICK. NOTES ECONOMY AT STANDSTILL, MONEY WORTHLESS, AND BARTER SYSTEM APPEARED. BELIEVES INSURGENTS MAY INTEND ISOLATE COUNTRY FROM REST OF WORLD FOR SOME TIME. CALLS EVENTS "ASTONISHING," THINKS MANY HOSPITAL PATIENTS ON ROADS HAVE LITTLE CHANCE SURVIVAL. REPORTS TALK OF EXECUTIONS, BUT NOT EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS. TELLS OF LOOTING BY UNCLASSIFIED

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TROOPS. ON RIDE TO THAI BORDER, SCHANBERG SAW SIGNS OF DEVASTATION, AND WORK ON RESERVOIRS, DIKES AND BRIDGES BEING DONE BY HAND.

PP AND SAIGON TAKEOVERS AS REPORTED BY NEWS AGENCIES ARE STUDY IN CONTRASTS, WITH PP IN DISARRAY AND SAIGON RELAXED, FUNCTIONING (CSM). AP DESCRIBES SAIGON AS IT FELL AND JUST AFTER; SAYS LIFE SO FAR UNDER COMMUNISTS NOT SO BAD (PHINQ, SUN, NYT). NEW SAIGON REGIME HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE (AP, SUN). VC SAY REPORTERS SAFE, CAN CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES (AP, NYT; PHINQ). COMMUNIST BROADCASTS CONFIRM COMMUNISTS RAIDED SAIGON'S AIRPORT BEFORE SURRENDER WITH CAPTURED US PLANES (ISAACS, SUN). GVN NAVAL SQUADRON OF 27 SHIPS SURRENDERS TO COMMUNISTS (UPI, NYDN).

DESPITE VOWS, US LEFT MANY IN SAIGON, INCLUDING AMCITS, FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, AND HUNDREDS OF VIET EMPLOYEES (UPI, NYDN). LAT'S MCARTHUR (5/8) DESCRIBES SORDID SIDE OF EVACUATION, INCLUDING OFFICIALS BRIBED TO ALLOW PEOPLE LEAVE.

PRG SEEKS US AID FOR RECONSTRUCTION (WP). NEARLY 100,000 TONS FOOD WAS HEADED FOR SVN, CAMBODIA; NOW

BEING DIVERTED TO OTHER COUNTRIES, DESPITE QUESTIONS ABOUT LEGALITY OF ACTION (ROBBINS, NYT). SUN OIL'S PRES HAS OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF DRILLING CONCESSION OFF SVN; FRENCH NEWS REPORTS INDICATE NEW GOVT MAY WANT

WESTERN OIL COMPANIES CONTINUE OIL DEVELOPMENT (WSJ). COMMUNIST GOVTS IN SVN, CAMBODIA HAVE DECIDED TRY RESOLVE DISPUTE OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARIES BEFORE AUTHORIZING FURTHER EXPLORATION (FARNSWORTH, NYT). AMBS FROM NVN, PRG MEET WITH US SEC GEN TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVERS. LAW OF SEA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE RULES FORMER GKR, GVN NOT PARTICIPATE IN FORUM (WP). NVN APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (NYT).

DOD SAYS KAF PILOTS FLEW 101 PLANES TO THAILAND AS COUNTRY FELL. THAIS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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(SUN). UK FONOFF DENIES THIEU HAD CHOSEN SETTLE IN BRITAIN. MME NHU PREDICTS COMMUNISTS WILL NOT HOLD SVN POWER LONG (WP); SCORES US WAR ROLE ON NBC/TV "TOMORROW" SHOW (NYT) AS ATTEMPT INTERVENE, GAIN PRESTIGE (UPI, CHITRIB). KY OFFERED "NOT OFFICIAL" INVITATION APPLY FOR POST SACRAMENTO'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES' SUPERINTENDENT. SEVERAL FARMERS NEAR SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, SAID WILLING SPONSOR KY, SINCE HE EXPRESSED INTEREST FARMING IN AREA (NYT).

LAOTIAN GOVT PEACE-MAKING TEAM SETS OUT TRY HALT PL ADVANCE, MAKE SURE VIENTIANE TROOPS DON'T MOVE AGAINST PL (WP).

2. CHINA

EC SPOKESMAN BRUSSELS THURSDAY SAID SOAMES TOLD PRESS IN PEKING THAT PRC AGREED RECOGNIZE EC, SEND AMB. FIRST COMMUNIST STATE RECOGNIZE EC AS BLOC. EC-PRC TRADE TOTALED 1.7 BILLION DOLS 1974 (UPI, PHINQ; JOC). FOUQUET (WP) NOTES SOAMES SAID "VERY SATISFIED" WITH DECISION, AND STATEMENT PRC READY NEGOTIATE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH EC.

REUTER (CHITRIB) SAYS TOURING UK PRESS SHOWN UNDERGROUND SHELTER COMPLEX OUTSIDE NANKING. DUG BY MILITIA, WHO CLAIM SAFE AGAINST ALL KNOWN NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL WEAPONS. ACCOMMODATES ABOUT 20,000. INTERVIEWS OF OFFICIALS DISCLOSE MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF CITY'S TWO MILLION PEOPLE HAVE "SOME" MILITARY TRAINING.

3. JAPAN

JNR STRIKE STRANDS 19 MILLION TRAVELERS, COMMUTERS.
ENDS SUNDAY, BUT UNIONS THREATEN RESUME NEXT WEEK IF
DEMAND FOR 25 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE NOT MET. GUIDELINE

SET BY MIKI IS 15 PERCENT (NYT, TOKYO).

QUEEN ELIZABETH ATTENDS FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DISPLAY;
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SERENADED BY POLICE OFFICER IN KILTS PLAYING "SCOTLAND
THE BRAVE" ON BAGPIPE (NYT). CSM'S LACHICA SAYS
VISIT INSPIRES UNABASHED BUY-BRITISH CAMPAIGN. NOTES
QUEEN SAID IN IMPERIAL BANQUET REMARKS MUST CONTINUE
DEVELOP BILATERAL TRADE, THAT HAS BEEN AND WILL BE
"BEDROCK OF OUR RELATIONS." ADDS UK TRYING NARROW
600 MILLION DOL TRADE GAP BY PROMOTING CARS, CONCORDES,
AND EVER-POPULAR TEXTILES.

JOC'S CULLISON DESCRIBES PROFIT SQUEEZE ON JAPANESE
SHIPYARDS, DESPITE BRISK ACTIVITY, BY FIXED PRICE
CONTRACTS, RISING COSTS.

JOC (HOUSTON) NOTES NEW TOKYO-BASED JOINT VENTURE
FORMED -- BRENNTAG-JAPAN, TO MARKET OIL, PETROCHEMICALS.

4. KOREA

SK ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHONG IL-KWON, AMB HAHM TOLD PRESS
AFTER WH CALL THURSDAY FORD GAVE ASSURANCE OF US
"DETERMINATION" STAND BY ALLIES. SAY THEY INFORMED
PRES NK WOULD ATTACK WITHIN 6 MONTHS IF US WITHDRAWS
TROOPS (CSM). HAHN QUOTES PRES SAYING US TROOPS WILL
STAY SK FOR "FORESEEABLE FUTURE," AND PROMISING DO
BEST SPEED UP US-FINANCED ROK FORCES' MODERNIZATION
(CARTER, NYDN; NAUGHTON, NYT; AP, CHITRIB).

SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO NOTES KIM JONG PIL ARRIVAL TOKYO
THURSDAY ON UNSCHEDULED OVERNIGHT VISIT, APPARENTLY
SEEKING ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED US/JAPANESE SUPPORT
FOR ROK. GOJ SPOKESMAN SAYS WILL MEET MIKI, MIYAZAWA
FRIDAY. WESTERN, JAPANESE SOURCES SAY KIM HOPES
STRENGTHEN SECONDARY ALLIANCE WITH JAPAN AS BACKSTOP
IN CASE US SUPPORT DECLINES IN FUTURE.

5. THAILAND

THAILAND, NK ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS THURSDAY,
AGREED EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS SOON AS POSSIBLE (REUTER,
NYT).

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POLICE SAY COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS TOOK OVER VILLAGE
WEDNESDAY NEAR COASTAL TOWN RAYONG, 125 MILES SE
BANGKOK, IN AREA THOUGHT FREE OF REBELS (WP).

WSJ (SANSWEET AND BLUNDELL) DESCRIBES CUSTOMARY ROLE OF
BRIBERY IN DOING BUSINESS ABROAD. RELATES THAI RITUAL
IN WHICH PETITIONER DROPS WALLET AT FEET OF OFFICIAL,
WHO EXAMINES AND, IF SATISFIED WITH CONTENTS, CLAIMS
AND GRANTS FAVOR.

6. SINGAPORE

NESSEN SAYS PRES ASSURED PM LEE AT WH THURSDAY US
"RESOLVE" STAND BY FRIENDS IN ASIA AND ELSEWHERE "IN
NO WAY WEAKENED" BY COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN SVN, CAMBODIA
(CARTER; NAUGHTON). WP'S RADCLIFFE AND FISHER
COVERED PRES' BLACK TIE DINNER FOR PM LEE THURSDAY.
QUOTE LEE THAT HANOI CORRECTLY JUDGED "BITTERNESS AND
ANIMOSITIES" DIVIDING US BEFORE DECIDING ON GREAT
POLITICAL COUP THAT ROUTED ARVN. WARNED PROBLEMS
WOULD NOT END WITH COMMUNIST CONTROL OF SVN, CAMBODIA;
BUT DECLINED PREDICT FUTURE, BECAUSE NOT "MARXIST
DETERMINIST."

AT LEAST FIVE SVN GUNBOATS JOIN REFUGEE FLOTILLA
IN HARBOR; SOURCES SAY GOS BANS IMPOSED LOCAL
NEWS EMBARGO REPORT OF SHIPS, SAID TO BE ARMED (WP).

7. HONG KONG

ABOUT 60 TANKERS, FREIGHTERS, FISHING BOATS LOADED
WITH 7,500 SVIET REFUGEES CROWD HARBOR. UK ANNOUNCES
WILL ONLY ALLOW REFUGEES WITH "PREVIOUS CONNECTION"
SETTLE IN BRITAIN (WP).

8. PHILIPPINES

AQUINO INVITED TO HARVARD LAW AS VISITING FELLOW IN
EAST ASIA LEGAL STUDIES, ACCORDING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES
(WP, MANILA). JEROME COHEN SAYS HAS ASKED DOS SEND
MARCOS COPY OF APRIL 30 INVITATION CABLE (NYT).
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9. AUSTRALIA

WHITLAM TOLD NATL PRESS CLUB THURSDAY US, NO LONGER
BURDENED WITH "FRUITLESS CAUSE" OF INDOCHINA WAR,
WILL ENJOY GREATER CONFIDENCE AMONG TRADITIONAL
ALLIES (SUN).

FREEPORT MINERALS WEIGHING ADDITIONAL 10.8 MILLION DOLS
INVESTMENT TO COMPLETE GREENVALE NICKEL-COBALT PLANT,
PROVIDED AUSSIE PARTNER MATCHES (WSJ, NY).

10. GENERAL

WSJ NOTES US FACING DIFFICULTIES HOLDING ASIAN BASES --
PHILS THREATEN 7TH FLEET OPERATIONS, RTG DEMANDS
US CLOSE ALL BASES WITHIN YEAR. US COUNTING
ON COVERT PRC HELP TO MAINTAIN BASES TO OFFSET SOVIET
POWER IN ASIA, ACCORDING US ANALYSTS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

WP'S ROSENFELD NOTES APPROVINGLY THAT HAK, ON NBC/TV
"TODAY" SHOW INTERVIEW, PROGRESSED FROM "WHO-IS-ADVANCING-
AND-WHO-IS-WITHDRAWING" STYLE OF THINKING "THAT BROUGHT
US" VN, TO VIEW THAT WE MIGHT HAVE MORE WISELY LOOKED AT
VN "IN VIETNAMESE TERMS" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

BARTLETT (WSTAR MAY 8) CHARGES NIXON/HAK FED IMPRESSION
US JOB WAS DONE IN VN WITH SIGNING PARIS ACCORDS,
THEY NEVER MADE AMERICANS FULLY AWARE OF CONTINUING
OBLIGATIONS VIA SECRET COMMITMENTS TO ENFORCE
MILITARY STATUS QUO. POLICIES ABROAD, PARTICULARLY
IN ASIA, WON'T BE DURABLE UNLESS BACKED BY MORE
SUBSTANTIAL CONSENSUS, MORAL AND PRAGMATIC (IN USIA
WIRELESS FILE).

BUCKLEY (BALTA NA MAY 8) REBUKES SEVERAL CONTENTIONS
OF "LIBERAL INTELLIGENTSIA": BECAUSE SVN CONQUERED,
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FOLLOWS THAT NO EFFORT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE KEEP
IT FROM BEING CONQUERED; CONGRESS' FAILURE APPROVE
HUMANITARIAN AID PACKAGE DUE TO PRUDENT DESIRE
AVOID FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA; AND SVN FALL
MEANS WE CAN NOW GIVE FULL ENERGIES TO "NOT LOSING"
SK, PHILS, INDONESIA, JAPAN, ECT.

MAXWELL TAYLOR (IN WP) CONCLUDES VN FINALE, BY IMPAIRING
OUR REPUTATION FOR RELIABILITY, WEAKENING OUR ALLIANCES
AND EXPOSING OUR INTERNAL WEAKNESSES, HAS BEEN HIGHLY
DETRIMENTAL TO MANY FORMS OF NATIONAL POWER THAT
CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY (IN USIA WIRELESS
FILE).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND SAYS IT WAS OVERWHELMING SVN DEPENDENCE
ON US, CAUSED BY LONG YEARS OF DIRECT INTERVENTION,

THAT SET STAGE FOR SAIGON'S COLLAPSE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (MAY 8) CITES ANALYSTS' PREDICTION THAT

HANOI INTENDS REUNIFY VN VERY SOON--PERHAPS BY MAY 19, TO MARK HO CHI MINH'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

LAT (MAY 8) BACKS ADMIN CALL FOR 507 MILLION DOLS TO AID VN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT; LAUDS US, STATE, LOCAL LEADERSHIP FOR CHANGING ORIGINAL SIZABLE PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO VN FUGITIVES.

SMITHSONIAN'S KENNETH HAGAN URGES US RECOGNIZE, EXTEND HUMANITARIAN AID TO WHATEVER GOVT EMERGES IN SVN. BARTLETT (PHINQ) ARGUES THAT TO EXTENT VN REFUGEES ARE VICTIMS OF US DECISION TO TURN AWAY FROM INDOCHINA, THEY DESERVE EFFICIENT, HUMANE RECEPTION HERE. WP REPRINTS MAY 7 FLOOR REMARKS OF SEN MUSKIE URGING AMERICANS WELCOME VN FUGITIVES (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

TO NOYES (WSTAR MAY 8), REMARKS OF MCGOVERN AND OTHERS ON REFUGEES ARE EXAMPLES OF "MEANNESS OF AMERICA." GEORGE WILL (WP) REVIEWS ANTI-IMMIGRANT SENTIMENT, UNCLASSIFIED

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1789 TO MCGOVERN (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). SIMILAR COLUMN BY CHITRIB'S MARGOLIS.

ACCORDING VON HOFFMAN (WP), HAK HAD MORE THAN TWO YEARS TO ARRANGE ORDERLY TRANSFER DESERVING VIETS TO US; NOW, US GETTING "BUNCH OF FREEDOM NON-FIGHTERS... PIMPS, MADAMS AND HIJACKERS OF AMERICAN FOOD AND MATERIAL" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

12. GENERAL

MARKING V-E DAY, HARSCH (CSM) STATES NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE SAY THIS PAST WEEK MARKS END WW II AFTERMATH, YET FOR FIRST TIME IN THRITY YEARS WORLD IN REMARKABLE CONDITION WITHOUT MAJOR WAR ANYWHERE. BUT UNRESOLVED UNREST, SHOOTING, TENSIONS ABOUND, AND DOMINO THEORY COULD OPERATE FIRST -- IF IT DOES -- IN KOREA (USIA WIRELESS FILE). KISSINGER

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